

on children who were born with facial deformities, such as a cleft palate, and of course, at no charge to the child's family. He was the worshiped face of Houston. In fact, he was so beloved that Channel 13 signed him to a lifetime contract in 1988—a rarity in the television world. It was something he always honored.

Even when he was diagnosed with cancer in July, Marvin continued to make on-air appearances for Channel 13. Either from his sick bed or clothed in a robe and slippers, citizens could breathe easier knowing that Marvin was still fighting the good fight for them—the ordinary, everyday individuals, the people he cared the most for.

Madam Speaker, on Sunday, July 29th, Marvin Zindler, the crusader of Houston, Texas, passed away from pancreatic cancer. He was 85 years old.

Robert Pelton, Marvin's good friend, had this to say about this extraordinary champion of the little guy, "Marvin Zindler was the Lone Ranger and Superman, not just in Houston, but in the world. Marvin Zindler was a one man army for the underdog. With Marvin Zindler, there was no Governmental Red Tape.—He walked right through it. If he heard of an injustice or public corruption, he was there to expose and stop it. Marvin was a hero to every man, woman, and child who was a victim of discrimination and wrongdoing. He helped the crippled, blind, poor, and sick get help wherever they were. 'I'll Call Marvin Zindler' was the battle cry of the underdog and it always worked. Being his lawyer, friend, and angel for 31 years was the highest honor anyone could have."

Madam Speaker, people in the Great State of Texas fondly recall a man who was their champion—their "Lone Ranger." For wherever Marvin Zindler went, unscrupulous business owners quaked in fear, trepidation, apprehension, and panic knowing that they were being caught with "Slime in the Ice Machine"—one of Marvin's most famous sayings. Tonight, my thoughts and prayers are with his wife, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the entire Houston community as we mourn the loss of our dear friend, consumer advocate, Marvin Zindler. He was a man who served our Houston community and the people with honor and duty. He will be gravely missed.

Madam Speaker, Each night Marvin signed off with the same words on his nightly newscast and I quote them for the last time, "Marvin Zindler—Eyewitness News."

And That's Just The Way It Is.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I want to express my opposition to the Farm Bill Extension Act for a number of reasons, including the extension of our depression era system of quotas and commodity support payments. One issue I particularly want to highlight is the opportunity we have missed here to make meaningful strides towards establishing the humane treatment of farm animals. I am disappointed that there are no provisions in this bill that work to this end.

I believe that there is a need to encourage agriculture companies to work towards adding protections for farm animals into their work practices. Billions of animals are raised for food every year in the United States, giving our families nourishment and helping feed the world. But there is no Federal law regarding the humane treatment of the animals while they are on the farm.

On March 28, 2007, Congressman PETER DEFAZIO and I introduced the Farm Animal Stewardship Purchasing Act. This legislation that would require that those supplying food to the Federal Government—including the military, federal prisons, school lunches, and other programs—meet a basic set of modest welfare standards for farm animals.

The humane treatment of animals speaks to our Nation's core values. Modest standards preventing Federal suppliers from engaging in

the most inhumane current industrial farming practices is a step in the right direction.

In 1958 Congress passed the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, deciding that farm animals deserve a merciful death. Half a century later, we must take steps towards giving them a merciful life on the farm. And just as the Federal Government already imposes numerous standards on contractors, including wage and labor requirements and fuel economy standards for government vehicles, we believe it's time to have basic humane standards for food purchased with tax dollars.

I urge opposition to this legislation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 3

8 a.m.

Armed Services

To receive a closed briefing regarding the treatment of detainees.

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